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ALL THE POWERS OF SIX GREAT GODS AND HEROES HAVE BEEN GATHERED TOGETHER AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF BOY BROADCASTER **BILLY BATSON!**

WHEN HE PRONOUNCES THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WIZARD, *SHAZAM*, HE BECOMES, IN A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHTNING, **CAPTAIN MARVEL**, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

THEN, WHEN EVIL IS DEFEATED, CAPTAIN MARVEL REPEATS THE WORD AND CHANGES BACK TO BILLY! SO AMAZING AND SUDDEN IS THE CHANGE THAT MOST PEOPLE NEVER REALIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!

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SOLOMON- *WISDOM*
HERCULES- *STRENGTH*
ATLAS- *STAMINA*
ZEUS- *POWER*
ACHILLES- *COURAGE*
MERCURY- *SPEED*

QUICK! EVERYONE DIG IN!

UNLESS WE EAT UP ALL THIS STUFF, THE WHOLE CITY WILL BE BURIED IN CHERRY GELATIN!

DRUGS

YOU KNOW, THE WILDEST THINGS HAPPEN TO ME! FOR INSTANCE, ALL I DID WAS GO TO THE DRUG STORE TO HAVE LUNCH... AND EVERYTHING WENT FINE TILL I STARTED IN ON MY GELATIN! OR MAYBE IT STARTED IN ON **ME!** ANYHOW, IT TOOK **CAPTAIN MARVEL** TO FINISH THE MEAL THAT WAS TOPPED OFF WITH...

"THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST DESSERT!"

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ONE COLD DECEMBER DAY, BOY NEWSCASTER BILLY BATSON AND HIS GIRL FRIEND, CISSIE SOMMERLY, HURRY TO DOC QUARTZ'S DRUG STORE FOR LUNCH...

BRRRR! TH-THIS IS ABOUT THE COLDEST DAY I CAN REMEMBER!

DRUGS

M-ME, TOO! BUT WE'LL BE PLENTY WARM IN HERE!

H. QUARTZ, PHARM.

TWO OF YOUR **COLOSSAL BURGERS**, DOC! WITH FRENCH FRIES!

COMING UP, BILLY!

MALTS

WHAT'LL YOU HAVE FOR DESSERT?

HOLY MOLEY! I WON'T HAVE **ROOM** FOR DESSERT AFTER ALL **THIS!**

NONSENSE! THERE'S **ALWAYS** ROOM FOR GELATIN! BESIDES, IT'S TODAY'S **SPECIAL**... AND IT'S ON THE HOUSE!

WELL, IN THAT CASE ...**OKAY!**

BUT SKIP THE WHIPPED CREAM TOPPING!

WELL, HOW IS IT?

IT'S **SUPER**, DOC!

MMM... WHAT A DELICIOUS FLAVOR!

GOOD! IT'S MY LATEST INVENTION-- **SUPER-ENERGIZED GELATIN**, CHOCK-FULL OF ALL THE VITAMINS AND MINERALS YOU NEED!

KEEP EATIN', KIDS! IT'S GOOD TO THE LAST SPOONFUL!

BUT WE **DID** FINISH IT! RIGHT TO THE **BOTTOM!**

WHERE DID THIS **SECOND HELPING** COME FROM?

OH, WELL-- GUESS I HAVE A **LITTLE** MORE ROOM LEFT!

SOMEHOW THERE SEEMS TO BE EVEN **MORE** GELATIN THAN BEFORE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! THE MORE WE EAT, THE MORE THERE IS!

IT'S STARTING TO OVER-FLOW THE CONTAINERS!

VERY ODD...

DOC, WHAT'S HAPPENING? THIS IS MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE!

HMM... LOOKS LIKE I MADE A SLIGHT MISCALCULATION!

I ENERGIZED IT **TOO MUCH!** IT'S GROWING LIKE YEAST IN AN OVEN!

WE MUST TRY TO EAT IT **ALL!**

"IF IT ISN'T STOPPED, IT WILL SOON FLOOD THE STREETS!"

*"FINALLY, THE WHOLE CITY WILL BE **BURIED** IN CHERRY GELATIN!"*

FASTER! FASTER! EAT EVERY BIT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

I--DON'T THINK I HAVE ANY ROOM LEFT!

WHAT WE NEED IS SOME-ONE WITH A BIGGER STOMACH!

SHAZAM!

WHEN BILLY SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD, MYSTIC LIGHTNING STABS DOWN, CHANGING HIM INTO...

BOOM

...CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL! THIS GELATIN IS OVERRUNNING THE PLACE!

QUICK! START EATING!

SO SUDDEN AND DAZZLING WAS THE LIGHTNING THAT DOC AND CISSIE DO NOT REALIZE BILLY CHANGED INTO CAP!

HOLY MOLEY! EVEN I CAN'T EAT FAST ENOUGH! BETTER GET SOME HELP!

QUICKLY, CAPTAIN MARVEL RUSHES OUTSIDE AND STOPS PASSERSBY...

GO RIGHT INSIDE! ALL THE GELATIN YOU CAN EAT-- FREE!

WHO AM I TO PASS UP A FREE MEAL?

THEY DO SEEM RATHER--ER-- OVERSTOCKED ON IT!

AND WHEN STERLING MORRIS, OWNER OF STATION WHIZ, COMES ALONG...

MR. MORRIS, HAVE YOU HAD LUNCH YET?

WHY, NO, I WAS JUST...

THEN COME WITH ME!

NEXT, CAPTAIN MARVEL HURRIES TO ALL NEARBY STORES...

HURRY! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SAVE THE CITY! I JUST HOPE YOU'RE HUNGRY!

WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THAT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IF CAPTAIN MARVEL SAYS WE'RE NEEDED, LET'S GO!

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BUT WHEREVER THERE IS TROUBLE, SOME PEOPLE ARE ONLY TOO ANXIOUS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT...

I DUNNO WHY THAT CROWD GATHERED UP THE STREET! BUT IT SURE EMPTIED THE STORES!

YEAH! NOW I CAN DO MY CHRISTMAS SHOPPIN' EARLY!

I'D PLANNED TO DO IT TONIGHT -- AFTER THE STORES CLOSED!

THIS IS **EASIER!** -- WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO BREAK IN!

TAP TAP

LET'S STASH THE LOOT IN OUR CAR, THEN TRY ANOTHER PLACE!

HOW ABOUT A JEWELRY STORE? I'LL PICK UP A PRESENT FOR MY GIRL!

I'M GIVING YOU A **SOCK** FOR CHRISTMAS!

GOOD THING I CAME BY LOOKING FOR MORE EATERS!

I'LL TAKE YOU FELLOWS TO JAIL -- BUT FIRST, YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME! I NEED TWO MORE MOUTHS TO FEED!

I DON'T GET HIM!

WHO CARES? **HE GOT US!**

UGS

GO ON! START **EATING!**

DO WE GET **TIME OFF** FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR -- ER -- **EATIN'?**

MR. MORRIS! YOU'RE QUITTING?

CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER BITE! I NEVER ATE SO MUCH DESSERT IN MY LIFE!

NOT THAT IT ISN'T DELICIOUS, MIND YOU! IT POSITIVELY MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH--

HOLY MOLEY! **THAT'S IT!**

DOC, THE GELATIN DOESN'T GROW INSIDE **US** BECAUSE IT'S **MELTED** --RIGHT?

WHY, OF COURSE! IT **MULTIPLIES** ONLY WHEN IT'S **SET FIRMLY!**

AND ENOUGH **HEAT** WOULD MELT THE WHOLE MASS!

NATURALLY! BUT THIS IS A COLD DAY IN **DECEMBER!**

NOW, IF IT WERE **SUMMER**-- AND VERY **HOT...**

DON'T WORRY, DOC! IT SOON WILL BE!

I'LL STOKE EVERY FURNACE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO ITS FULLEST CAPACITY! THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!

AND SOON...

SAY, ISN'T IT KIND OF **HOT** FOR **DECEMBER?**

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IF I'M TO GET ENOUGH HEAT, I'LL NEED MORE COAL!

WITH THE SPEED OF **MERCURY, CAPTAIN MARVEL** GOES FROM FURNACE TO FURNACE, STOKING AND RE-STOKING...

...UNTIL...

GREAT GUNS! A **HEAT WAVE--** IN **WINTER?**

BUT LOOK AT THE GELATIN...

...IT'S **MELTING AWAY!** ...ALL THAT **GOOKUM** IS RUNNING DOWN THE DRAIN!

GOOD WORK, **CAPTAIN MARVEL!** YOU SURE CAME UP WITH THE RIGHT ANSWER!

THANKS, DOC! BUT ABOUT YOUR INVENTIONS...

THAT REMINDS ME... I'VE GOT A **NEW** INVENTION I WANT TO TRY OUT!

HOLY MOLEY! NOT AGAIN?!

HERE YOU ARE... THE **CAPTAIN MARVEL SPECIAL**...THE **WORLD'S MIGHTIEST HERO SANDWICH**--NAMED FOR THE **WORLD'S MIGHTIEST HERO!**

UH...THANKS, DOC! BUT BELIEVE ME, I WON'T WANT TO EAT **ANYTHING** FOR A **LONG, LONG TIME!**

THE END

TUNE IN ON ABC TV's **NEW** HIT SHOW **SUPER FRIENDS**

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SWARTZ'S JEWELRY
DIAMONDS
WATCHES

HOLY MOLEY! WHO ARE YOU?

NO NEED TO BOTHER WITH THESE JEWELRY THIEVES, ***CAPTAIN MARVEL!*** NOT WITH ***CAPE-MAN*** ON THE JOB!

JEWEL

S-1956

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THE CITIZENS HAVE THRILLED TO THE EXPLOITS OF THE ***WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL***...AND THEY'VE CHEERED THE DARING DEEDS OF ***CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.*** AND ***MARY MARVEL!***-- BUT WHEN A ***NEW*** CRIME-FIGHTER APPEARS IN TOWN, THE POPULACE ***QUIVERS*** AT THE VERY SIGHT OF...

THE INCREDIBLE CAPE-MAN

THIS IS ***HERSCHEL DOCKLES,*** THE ***MAILMAN,*** STRUGGLING THROUGH YET ANOTHER DAY ON THE JOB...

WHEW! I'M GLAD NO ONE WAS WAITING TO JUMP ME IN THAT DARK ALLEY!

WHAT WITH ALL THE MUGGINGS AROUND, I GET TERRIFIED EVERY TIME I WALK THE STREETS!

BUT ON THIS DAY, HERSCHEL IS GOING TO PUT AN END TO HIS FEARS AS HE FINDS A PACKAGE AT HIS DOOR...

AHH, THE PACKAGE CAME! NOW I CAN WALK THE STREETS WITHOUT BEING AFRAID OF EVERY SHADOW!

Crafty Costume Shop

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, AS BILLY BATSON SCURRIES TOWARD A DEPARTMENT STORE...

MR. MORRIS' CHRISTMAS PARTY IS TONIGHT AND I HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANYBODY'S PRESENTS YET!

EEK! THERE'S A WEIRD PERSON IN A CRAZY COSTUME WALKING THE STREETS!

HURRY, MAME! WE DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED!

HOLY MOLEY! CAPTAIN MARVEL BETTER LOOK INTO THIS!

SHAZAM!

AT THE MENTION OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD'S NAME, A BOLT OF MAGIC LIGHTNING LEAPS FROM THE SKY TO HERALD THE APPEARANCE OF...

BOOM

...THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

THAT MUST BE THE MAN DOWN THERE... CAUSING A BAD TRAFFIC JAM!

YOU'RE INTERFERING WITH TRAFFIC, MASKED MAN! WHO ARE YOU?

WHY, I'M THE INCREDIBLE CAPE-MAN, OF COURSE!

I FIGHT CRIME, OF COURSE!

AND WHAT DO YOU DO?

OH...SO DO I!

WELL, IF I EVER NEED ANY CRIME-FIGHTING HELP, I'LL CERTAINLY LET YOU KNOW!

AS CAPTAIN MARVEL RETURNS TO THE DEPARTMENT STORE WHERE BILLY BATSON WAS LAST SEEN...

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE ANOTHER PERSON ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW! BUT RIGHT NOW...

SHAZAM!

BOOM!

...BILLY BATSON HAS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO BUY!

SOON, AT THE NEAREST SUBWAY STATION

I SPENT ALL MY MONEY ON THESE PRESENTS, BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT TO SEE MY FRENDS SO HAPPY!

AND ON THE SAME TRAIN PLATFORM..

THIS COSTUME IDEA IS WORKING GREAT!

AS LONG AS I DRESS LIKE THIS, I DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING...

...SINCE NO ONE WOULD DARE DO ANYTHING NASTY TO A FAMOUS HERO LIKE *CAPE-MAN!*

HOLY MOLEY.. WHAT'S **HE** DOING IN THIS SUB-WAY CAR?

MOMMY, MOMMY I WANT A COSTUME LIKE THAT!

QUIET, ALVIN-- IF YOU STARE AT HIM, HE MAY GET VIOLENT!

NO NEED TO BE ALARMED, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! I AM KNOWN AS *CAPE-MAN...*

...AND I FIGHT EVIL WHEREVER IT MAY APPEAR!

THAT SOUNDS *LOGICAL!*

HE MAY BE AFTER US, LOUIE! LET'S SCRAM AT THE NEXT STOP!

I'M WITH YOU, FRANKIE!

AND SURE ENOUGH, AT THE NEXT STOP.

FASTER, FRANKIE! HE'S FOLLOWING US!

THIS IS MY STOP! TIME TO GET OFF!

HOLY MOLEY! THOSE TWO GUYS DROPPED A DIAMOND!

THEY MUST BE THE DIAMOND-THIEVES THE POLICE HAVE BEEN TRACKING FOR WEEKS!

SHAZAM!

AND FROM THE ENDS OF THE UNIVERSE, A CLAP OF THUNDER BRINGS...

BOOM

...CAPTAIN MARVEL!-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M AFTER THOSE TWO DIAMOND CROOKS!

COME ON, CAPE-MAN! HELP ME CATCH THEM!

I-- I CAN'T HELP YOU TODAY! I-- UH-- THINK I'M SUDDENLY COMING DOWN WITH SOME-- THING-- LIKE A CASE OF THE BUBONIC PLAGUE!

AND BECAUSE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MOMENTARY DELAY, LOUIE HAS TIME TO...

GET A WHIFF OF THIS, YOU PAIR OF COSTUMED CLOWNS!

HOLY MOLEY! A FOG BOMB! PHEW!!

WHERE ARE YOU, CAPE-MAN! I CAN'T [illegible] ANYTHING IN THIS!

WHAT A BREAK! NOW I CAN GET AWAY!

AND BY THE TIME THE SMOKE CLEARS...

GOOD THING I'M A MAILMAN.

NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW NOR HEAT NOR GLOOM OF NIGHT CAN STOP ME--AND THAT INCLUDES FOG!

AT THE SAME TIME, CAPTAIN MARVEL FLAILS HIS WAY [illegible]

SUBWAY

I'LL BET CAPE-MAN IS AFTER THEM RIGHT NOW!

:KOFF: THOSE CROOKS COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR!

AND SURE ENOUGH, LESS THAN A [illegible] AWAY...

LET'S GET OUTA HERE QUICK, LOUIE!

YEAH-- BEFORE [illegible] GUYS FIND OUT WHAT HIT 'EM!

CAPE-MAN! 'IM DOWN!

[illegible]

THEY'RE [illegible] ME! HOW WILL I GET AWAY?

[illegible] LIGHT-POLE!

AFTER THEY CIRCLE THE POLE SEVERAL [illegible]

WE CAN'T [illegible]

LET'S SCRAM BEFORE THE OTHER ONE SEES US!

WHILE ON TOP OF THE POLE

OH MY! I FORGOT THAT I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!

HELP! HELP!

CROOKS ARE RACING OFF... BUT CAPE-MAN IS IN TROUBLE!

I'LL CATCH YOU, PAL

NO! LET GO! I'M EVEN MORE SCARED OF FLYING!

BUT CAPE-MAN! I'VE [illegible]

BUT IT WASN'T CAPE-MAN AND NEEDS CLARENCE AT ALL

OH, MY NOW LOOK WHAT I'VE DONE!

THUDD!

CAPE-MAN--THAT WAS A STUPENDOUS JOB OF CRIME-FIGHTING

YES, INDEED--IT WAS PRETTY STUPENDOUS AT THAT!

OH, MY HEAD! WHAT STAMPEDING MOOSE HIT ME?

WE SHOULD WORK TO DESTROY EVIL AGAIN SOMETIME--EH, CAPE-MAN?

OH, I'M AFRAID MY HERO DAYS ARE OVER, CAPTAIN MARVEL! YOU SEE...

I'M ONLY HERSCHEL DOCKLES, MILD-MANNERED MAILMAN!

YA MEAN WE WAS DONE IN BY AN OLD GOAT LIKE THAT?

HOLY MOLEY!

AND AFTER THE DAUNTLESS DUO HAS TURNED THE DIAMOND THIEVES OVER TO THE POLICE...

I DRESSED AS A SUPER-HERO BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP ME OVERCOME MY TERRIBLE FEAR OF WALKING THE STREETS!

BUT IF I COULD CAPTURE CRIMINALS THIS EASILY, I REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF!

VERY CHRISTMAS, MR. DOCKLES I'VE GOT TO RUSH OFF NOW TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY--

HOLY MOLEY--I FORGOT BILLY BATSON LEFT HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN THE SUBWAY TRAIN!

WELL, CAPTAIN MARVEL MANAGED TO FIND THE TRAIN AND RECOVER HIS PRESENTS, ALL RIGHT...

...AND IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT MR. MORRIS' CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS LIKE, TURN TO THE NEXT STORY! SEE YOU THERE!

THE END

CAPTAIN MARVEL PRESENTS AN UP-TO-DATE ADVENTURE STARRING...

The Marvel Family

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CHRISTMAS EVE IS A MOST JOYOUS OCCASION -- BECAUSE EVERYONE EAGERLY AWAITS THE BEGINNING OF CHRISTMAS DAY! BUT IS THERE ANYTHING THE MARVEL FAMILY CAN DO TO STOP THE WORLD'S MADDEST SCIENTIST FROM MAKING THIS --

"THE YEAR WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS!"

...WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE AND SING A SLEIGHING SONG TONIGHT--

HEY!!

WHAT A WONDERFUL PARTY! AND JUST THINK...

...IN ONLY FIVE MINUTES IT'LL BE CHRISTMAS!

BUT LITTLE DOES BILLY BATSON KNOW THAT NOT FAR FROM THIS JOYOUS FAMILY SCENE

...THE *WORLD'S MADDEST SCIENTIST*, *DR. SIVANA*, SITS AND BROODS WITH HIS EQUALLY MAD SON AND DAUGHTER, *SIVANA JR.* AND *GEORGIA*...

CHRISTMAS... *BAH!*

HUMBUG!

FOOEY!

IS IT TIME TO SPEED UP THE CLOCK YET, PA? IS IT, HUH?

HOLD YOUR HORSES, JUNIOR!

IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, THE *SIVANA FAMILY* WILL SPEND ITS *MERRIEST CHRISTMAS EVER!*

MERRIEST BECAUSE IT'LL BE THE *SHORTEST!* *HEH, HEH, HEH!*

THAT'S OUR DAD!

AS THE *MARVEL FAMILY*, LIKE ALL GOOD PEOPLE, ANXIOUSLY AWAIT THE LAST FIVE SECONDS TO MIDNIGHT...

...*FIVE*...*FOUR*...

...WAITING FOR A JOLLY, RED-SUITED MAN TO MAKE HIS APPEARANCE...

...*THREE*...*TWO*...*ONE*...

...THE *WORLD'S MADDEST SCIENTIST* THROWS A SWITCH...

ZERO!

IT'S *TIME!* *HEH, HEH, HEH!*

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AND TALKING ABOUT A RED-SUITED MAN, IS IT REALLY *HIM*-- THIS MAN WHO SEEMS TO BE HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE CONTROLLING THOSE REINDEER?

WHOA, DANCER-- WHOA-- BLITZEN! THE REINDEER ARE FLYING TOO FAST!

WHOA, COMET-- WHOA!!

AND BELOW, IN THE CITY...

HEY, *SLOW DOWN!* IT'S *CHRISTMAS!*

WHERE'S EVERYONE *RUSHING?*

HOLY MICLEY! THE CLOCK IS SPEEDING-- *RUNNING FAST!* WHAT'S GOING ON?

AT THIS RATE, *CHRISTMAS* WILL BE OVER IN A FEW *MINUTES!*

WE'LL HAVE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS..

SHAZAM!

AS THREE QUITE NORMAL KIDS--*BILLY BATSON, MARY BATSON* AND *FREDDY FREEMAN*-- SAY THEIR MAGIC WORDS...

SHAZAM!

CAPTAIN MARVEL!

...THREE FLASHES OF LIGHTNING AND MIGHTY CLAPS OF THUNDER COMBINE TO CHANGE THEM INTO..

KA-DA-BOOM!!

CAPTAIN MARVEL!

CAPTAIN MARVEL, JR.!

MARY MARVEL!

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY!

AS THE THREE FLY OUT INTO THE NIGHT, THEY ARE STUNNED TO SEE...

EVERYTHING'S MOVING FAST -- LIKE IN A SPEEDED-UP MOVIE!

PEOPLE, ANIMALS... EVEN CARS!

IF YOU THINK THAT'S BAD, LOOK OVER THERE!

...THE SUN'S COMING UP ALREADY!

YET IT SEEMS AS IF IT'S ONLY BEEN CHRISTMAS FOR A MINUTE!

FOLLOW ME, KIDS! THAT BEARDED FLYING MAN IS IN TROUBLE!

HOLY MOLEY! THAT COULDN'T BE WHO I THINK IT IS!

WHOA, FELLAS!

WHOA, DONDER AND PRANCER!

ARE YOU REALLY SANTA CLAUS?-- WHY IS CHRISTMAS GOING SO FAST?

THOSE EVIL SIVANAS ARE AT IT AGAIN, MARVEL FAMILY! THEY HATE CHRISTMAS, SO THEY DON'T WANT ANYONE TO ENJOY IT!

SOMEHOW, THEY'VE MANAGED TO SPEED UP TIME SO THAT CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR WILL ONLY LAST TEN MINUTES!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT WOULD BE THE WORK OF THOSE SIVANAS!

WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS ALL USED UP!

BUT WHO WAS THAT MYSTERIOUS MAN WITH THE REINDEER-- REALLY?

HOW WILL I EVER GET ALL MY PRESENTS DELIVERED IN SO SHORT A TIME?

DOES IT MEAN THAT WHATEVER YOU BELIEVE IN -- EVEN SANTA CLAUS -- CAN BE TRUE--?

MEANWHILE, IN THE *SIVANAS'* HIDE-OUT...

TWO MORE MINUTES AND *CHRISTMAS* IS OVER!

EVEN TEN MINUTES OF *CHRISTMAS* IS TEN MINUTES TOO LONG!

DON'T WORRY, GEORGIA! BY NEXT YEAR, I'LL HAVE MY CLOCK PERFECTED SO THERE'LL BE *NO CHRISTMAS* AT ALL!

DAD! SIS! THERE ARE THREE BLIPS ON MY RADAR SCREEN APPROACHING THE HIDE-OUT!

CURSES! IT CAN ONLY BE THAT GOODY-GOODY *BIG RED CHEESE* AND HIS FAMILY, OUT TO SPOIL OUR FUN!

AND SURE ENOUGH...

THERE'S SIVANA'S MOUNTAIN HIDE-OUT!

LET'S LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY JUST CAN'T MESS WITH *CHRISTMAS!*

GRRIINCHH!

GAAHH! IT'S THE *BIG RED CHEESE!*

AND THE *LITTLE RED CHEESE!*

AND THE *LITTLE BLUE CHEESE!* BUT EVEN *THEY* CAN'T STOP US!

POW!

TAKE *THAT!*

POW!

AND *THAT!*

AND ESPECIALLY *TH--*

WAIT! FIRST TELL ME HOW YOU KNEW *WE* WERE CAUSING THIS TROUBLE!

EASY! WE ASKED *SANTA CLAUS!*

HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING... HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE...

...AND HE *CERTAINLY* KNOWS WHO'S BEEN BAD ENOUGH TO TRY AND STEAL *CHRISTMAS!*

WELL... HEH, HEH... YOU MAY PUT US IN JAIL, BUT YOU'LL NEVER STOP MY *MARVEL-PROOF COSMIC CLOCK!*

WITH THIS CLOCK GOING, *CHRISTMAS* WILL LAST ONLY ANOTHER MINUTE! HEH, HEH!

HOLY MOLEY!

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RUSHING TO THE CLOCK, *CAPTAIN MARVEL* STRAINS MIGHTILY, BUT...

I'M SLOWING THIS DOWN JUST SLIGHTLY...

...BUT I'LL NEED *HELP* IF I'M GOING TO STOP *CHRISTMAS* FROM ENDING IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!

I'LL HELP YOU, CAP!

THAT DOES IT!-- WE'VE *STOPPED TIME!*

BUT WE'LL HAVE TO STAND HERE FOREVER UNLESS WE CAN REVERSE THE MOTION OF THE HANDS!

LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND WITH THE HANDS!

GOOD, MARY... WE'VE GOT TIME GOING BACKWARD NOW!

WE'LL HAVE A *MERRY CHRISTMAS* TODAY, AFTER ALL!

CURSES! THAT *BIG RED CHEESE* HAS PUSHED BACK TIME SO THAT IT'S MORNING AGAIN! WHAT A *MISERABLE CHRISTMAS* THIS WILL BE!

TIME FOR ME TO MAKE MY GET-AWAY!

POW!

UHH--!

NOT SO FAST, SOURPUSS!

WELL, WHAT DO WE DO NOW WITH THIS UNHOLY THREE?

WE TAKE THEM TO JAIL, AS USUAL, OF COURSE!

SOON, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

YOU *KNOW* WE'LL BREAK OUT OF THIS CELL, YOU *BIG RED CHEESE*, DON'T YOU?

AND *YOU* KNOW WE'LL PUT YOU RIGHT *BACK* AGAIN, SIVANA, DON'T YOU?

YOU CAN'T STOP US! REMEMBER -- WE'RE THE RIGHTFUL RULERS OF THE *UNIVERSE!*

YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR A LONG TIME ...THAT'S WHY WE BOUGHT YOU THIS *CHRISTMAS PRESENT!*

GOLLY, GEE WHIZ! NO ONE'S EVER GIVEN ME A PRESENT BEFORE!

AWW... IT'S JUST A *BOOK*...

...CALLED "*THE UNIVERSE*"!

AND IT'S *ALL YOURS!*

MERRY CHRISTMAS, SIVANAS-- AND *HAPPY NEW YEAR*, TOO!

NEW YEAR? THAT'S *RIGHT!* *1974* IS GOING TO BE *MY YEAR!* HEH, HEH!

AND WHEN THE TRIO RETURNS TO THE INTERRUPTED CHRISTMAS PARTY AT STERLING MORRIS'S HOUSE...

SHAZAM! *CAPTAIN MARVEL!* *SHAZAM!*

BOOM!

EVERYBODY -- LET'S NOT FORGET OUR READERS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GOD BLESS US-- *EVERY ONE!*

STARTING WITH THE NEXT ISSUE, SHAZAM! SWITCHES TO A *100-PAGE SUPER-SPECTACULAR!* ON SALE DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN FEBRUARY

THE END